

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application: § Examiner: Angela C. Scott
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Serial No.: 10/568,699 § Group Art Unit: 1709
Filed: September 29, 2006 § Attorney Docket No.: 2003M091
For: "Improvements In Or Relating To § Date: October 10, 2007
Plasticizer"

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Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Dear Examiner:

This is a response to the restriction requirement mailed September 12, 2007.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- Group I: Claims 1-8, drawn to di-alkyl phthalate;
- Group II: Claim 9, drawn to a process for producing insulated wire or cable;
- Group III: Claims 10-31, drawn to a process for production of plasticizer ester (but see comments below);
- Group IV: Claims 32-39, drawn to a method for purification of a plasticizer ester.

Applicants elect Group III, Claims 1-31, noting that Claims 31 is drawn to the product of the process of Claim 10.

Applicant's respectfully submit that an examination (including prior art search) of all claims would be required for adequate consideration of any individual Group set forth above. Therefore, examination of all the claims at the same time does not represent an undue burden.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

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It is believed that an action on the merits is in order and is earnestly solicited. If it would be of assistance to resolve any outstanding issues in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

October 11, 2007
Date

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